

## REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and (e) for the same reasons set forth in the previous Office Action. Claims 12-17, 19 and 21 are allowed.

Claims 1-11 have been canceled herein to without prejudice to advance prosecution of this case. Claims 12-17, 19 and 21 have been allowed, and a notice of allowance for these claims is solicited.

This paragraph should be treated as a request for a two-month extension of time for responding to the final Office Action dated March 31, 2005. A check in the amount of the \$450.00 fee for the two-month extension is enclosed. The commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be due, excluding payment of issue fees, to Deposit Account 10-0435. The Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss any unresolved matters.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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